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SUBJECT: MUHAISHI ARRIVAL IN EGYPT

REF: A) CAIRO 1642, B) CAIRO 0982

1. WITH CONSIDERABLE SELF-SATISFACTION, FAHMY
ASKED ME TODAY IF I HAD NOTICED MUHAISHI IS NOW IN
CAIRO. HE CLAIMED TUNISIAN CONCURRENCE TO MOVE
MUHAISHI FROM TUNIS TO CAIRO HAD BEEN OBTAINED
DURING CHATTI'S VISIT HERE A FEW WEEKS AGO. KNOWING
LIBYANS WERE OUT TO ASSASSINATE MUHAISHI, CAREFUL
PLANNING HAD BEEN NECESSARY TO EFFECT THE MOVE.
EGYPTIANS HAD HAD TO ARRANGE THREE SEPARATE AIRCRAFT
TO SPIRIT HIM FROM TUNIS TO EUROPE AND FINALLY TO

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CAIRO. MUHAISHI IS NOW A GUEST OF GOE AND WELL-GUARDED.

SO IS LIBYAN FONMIN AND FORMER CHIEF OF INTELLIGENCE
AL-HUNI.

2. FAHMY CLAIMED THAT, AS RESULT OF GOE SUCCESS
IN GETTING AL-HUNI AND MUHAISHI TO COME TO CAIRO,
QADHAAFI IS "TREMBLING IN HIS BOOTS." THESE TWO
FORMER RCC LEADERS KNOW ALL OF QADHAAFI'S SECRET
ACTIVITIES, INCLUDING HOW AND WHERE LIBYAN MONEY IS
SPENT, WHAT SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES LIBYA IS SPONSORING,
ETC. WITHOUT SPELLING OUT EXACTLY HOW GOE PLANS TO
GO ABOUT IT, FAHMY INDICATED IT WILL USE PRESENCE OF
HUMAISHI AND AL-HUNI IN CAIRO TO BRING QADHAAFI TO
HIS KNEES. HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT GOE NOW HAS
CAPABILITY TO DO JUST THAT.

3. IN LIBYA ITSELF, ACCORDING TO FAHMY, MOST OF
THE RCC MEMBERS ARE UNDER HOUSE ARREST. ONLY THREE
REMAIN FREE AND STILL COOPERATE WITH QADHAAFI. AND
ONE OF THEM, KHARUBI, REMAINS IN CONSTANT CONTACT
WITH GOE AND WANTS GOOD RELATIONS WITH EGYPT.

4. IN SHORT, WE WOULD SOON SEE THAT QADHAAFI IS
HUMBLLED AND PERHAPS EVEN OUSTED.
EILTS UNQUOTE INGERSOLL

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